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## **Falls Church City Council Proclaims May as Watershed and Flood Plain Awareness Month**

FALLS CHURCH, VA. – May is “Watershed and Flood Plain Awareness Month” in the City of Falls Church. The streams and tributaries that flow both above and below the ground through the City of Falls Church are part of an interconnected watershed system. Water is carried from rooftops, yards, streets, and parking lots into the Potomac River and the Chesapeake Bay.

The City of Falls Church is committed to improving and protecting these precious waters as habitats for plant and animal life, as recreational resources, and as drinking water for our citizens.

By proclaiming May as Watershed and Flood Plain Awareness Month, the City Council urges all citizens to recognize the observance and participate in watershed and flood plain protection activities in the City.

Members of the public are invited to participate in the following City-sponsored events:

**Habitat Helpers Orientation:** Thomas Jefferson Elementary School Butterfly Garden, Greenway Blvd. and Seaton Lane, Sunday, May 14, 2-4 p.m.

**Open House at the Property Yard:** 7100 Gordon Road, Saturday, May 20, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

**“Enviroscape” Model at Memorial Day Festival:** 300 Park Ave., Monday, May 29, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Watershed-friendly Garden Tour:** 109 W. Westmoreland Road, Sunday, June 4, 1-5 p.m.

Each event is designed to teach what can be done to help improve the water quality of local streams, the Potomac River, and the Chesapeake Bay.

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To assist owners of the 213 commercial and residential properties that lie in the Falls Church City portion of the Tripps Run and Four Mile Run flood plains, the City is participating in the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System. Through this program, flood insurance rates may be reduced to reflect the reduced flood risk resulting from activities that meet community flood plain management goals.

For more information on observance events, please contact the City's Environmental Programs Specialist at 703-248-5176 (TTY 711), or visit [www.fallschurchva.gov](http://www.fallschurchva.gov) for details on Watershed and Flood Plain Awareness Month and water conservation tips.

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